MCC®
METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

Sunday, May 25, 2014
6th Easter

SUPPORTING CAST: DEBORAH

930 North 4th Street ♦ Allentown, PA 18102
610-709-8800 ♦ info@mcclv.org ♦ www.mcclv.org

The Mission of MCCLV is to call all people to a holy life in Christ, changing lives and transforming the world

MCC LEHIGH VALLEY ORDER OF SERVICE

As you prepare for worship, take a few moments to reflect on the current state of your relationship with God. Is the communication channel completely open and free of any cross-traffic that might interfere with your ability to hear from God? What do you need to let go of, so that you may let God take control? Close your eyes, take a deep breath and let worship begin for you...

Opening Song

Call to Worship

Invitation to Ministry

A Time of Praise (3 Songs)

Prayer Preparation Song

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Children's Blessing

Live Boldly

Message

Song of Response

Offering

Offering Song

Communion

Communion Song

Prayer Over Gifts

Closing Song

Commission & Blessing

Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel
Office Hours:
Monday: 8am-2pm
Tues-Thurs: 8am-1pm
Fri: 8am-12 noon

******Reminder: The Office will be closed Monday, May 26, 2014 for Memorial Day******

Space Reservation: Any individual or group wishing to schedule a meeting or event at the church **is required to fill out a space reservation form**. Write to office@mcclv.org more information.

Sunday Bulletin & Announcements

The deadline for all bulletin notices & announcements is **Wednesday at noon** – email to office@mcclv.org

Looking for low-cost space for you birthday party or family celebration? Consider MCCLV's Fellowship Hall for your gathering! Contact Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel at 610-709-8800 or e-mail office@mcclv.org for more information.

MCCLV IS ON FACEBOOK!
Search **MCC Lehigh Valley.** All MCCLV related posts and tags will be approved through the office. Thank you for your cooperation!

Do You Want to Help Feed Hungry People?

MCCLV's annual Free Market fresh food outreach to the neighborhood comes up in September. Barb Baus is serving as coordinator of this effort that feeds a hungry corner of Allentown with fresh fruits and vegetables. Stay tuned for more details!

Now Accepting Applications!

Do you know a graduating high school senior who could use a little extra cash to help with education expenses next year? That's what the Rainbow Scholarship is all about!

Since 2003, Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley has been encouraging academic achievement, building self esteem and providing positive reinforcement for LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) youth in the Lehigh Valley and surrounding counties through the "Rainbow Scholarship." The scholarship increases positive visibility for LGBT youth and promotes awareness and acceptance in the community at large.

The "Rainbow Award" and "Queer Student of the Year" are awarded to LGBT graduating high school seniors who will be attending a school of higher education. The essay contest is open to all graduating high school students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Applicants must reside in the following counties: Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Schuykill and Warren.

Don't delay! Check out all of the details and application online at **www.prideglv.org.** Deadline to apply is July 31. Winners will be notified in early August and awards will be presented on stage at **Pride in the Park** on Sunday, August 17, 2014.

RAINBOW
SCHOLARSHIP

MCCLV -- Summer Sundays -- 9AM -- WOW!

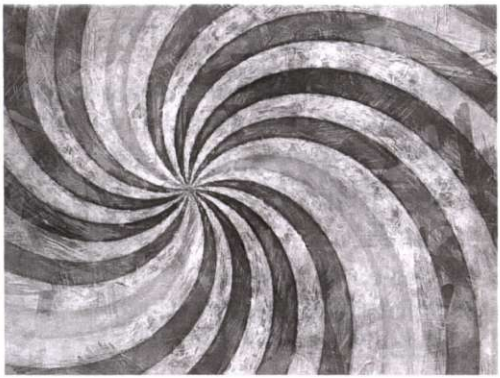
For nine Sundays this summer, MCCLV will present a **LIFE LESSONS** Seminar Series following up on the wildly successful Navigating Life Seminars offered last fall. Starting **June 15th**, come and learn important life lessons on these topics:

- *Adoption & Custody Issues in the GLBT Community*
- *Achieving and Sustaining Emotional Health*
- *Non-conforming / Alternate Gender Topics and*
- *Panel Discussion*
- *Dealing with Loss*
- *Being a Long Term Care Giver*
- *Estate Planning -- Finances & Insurance*
- *GLBT Perspective on Wills and Other Legal Documents*

On those Summer Sundays when Life Lesson Seminars aren't presented, keep up with your 9AM routine and come for **Early Morning Prayers** scheduled for May 25th - June 15th and August 17th - 31st. The 8AM Early Morning Prayers will resume in September along with Adult Christian Education at 9AM.

Prayer and Wisdom -- what could be better goals for your 2014 summer?
Wow is right !!

For more information, see Barb Baus or Karl Steiner or email Karl at karl.steiner@mcclv.org.



Wednesday Night Prayer

In June & July, MCCLV hosts Centering Prayer at 6pm on Wednesdays in the church's Prayer Room. All are welcome to participate.

Women Ages 20-39

Special Worship Service & Luncheon
Theme: "*You Are Right Where You Need To Be*"
Saturday, June 14
11:00am-1:00pm

All women in their 20s or 30s are welcome at the event, no need to be a church member at MCCLV (or anywhere else!)
Cost: $10

Reserve a spot by writing to office@mcclv.org or calling 610-709-8800

Yard Sale Fundraiser
Saturday July, 19, 2014

All proceeds are for the MCCLV Food Pantry to help with materials needed for set up and to supplement supplies

See Barb Baus for more information and to sign up to help.

LEPOCO
Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern
lepoco@fast.net www.lepoco.org
313 West Fourth Street
Bethlehem, PA 18015
(610) 691-8730

Lehigh Valley Committee Against State Killing

On **Tuesday, May 27th, 2014 at 3:30pm** there is a meeting of the Lehigh Valley Committee Against State Killing (LV-CASK) at the LEPOCO Peace Center (313 West 4th Street) in Bethlehem. This anti-death penalty group seeks to end capital punishment in PA. Members share information regarding legal developments surrounding the issue, plan events that help increase public awareness of problems regarding the selection of persons to be determined unworthy of life, and meet with legislators to discuss alternatives to the death penalty.
Call LEPOCO at 610-691-8730 for more information.

DO YOU HAVE A CARE NEED?

Are you scheduled for surgery? Do you desire a home visit? Are you in need of a prayer partner? MCCLV's Congregational Care & Health Ministry Coordinator is Karl Steiner. Let Karl know you care needs by seeing him in person following the worship service, e-mailing him at karl.steiner@mcclv.org or phoning him at (610) 987-2858. Karl will coordinate care for you through MCCLV.

DEALING WITH THE PAIN OF A LOSS?

Loss and grief are part of life, but can be difficult to process alone. Elaine Ely is a trained, experienced and certified specialist in the area of end-of-life issues, loss and grief, being hosted by MCCLV.
Her current hours at the church are:

Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm
(other hours can be arranged upon request).
For a single consultation or on-going counseling, reach her at elaine.ely.pastor@gmail.com or 215-915-4370.

Also, watch for details on an up-coming workshop: "Facing Grief - Yours and Other's", and a 6 week support group series to be offered this fall.

Save The Date

Saturday November 8, 2014

Tricky Tray

Committee Meets:
4th Wednesdays
May through October
MCCLV's Children's Sunday School Room

See Sue Carpenter for more details or email her at: sue.carpenter@voya.com

HIV Positive Support Group

A HIV support group at MCCLV **meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 12:30pm**. The focus is on living a positive life with HIV—the group is called HIV/Positive Living. This will be a chance to share and have candid discussions. This group is limited to those with HIV, but there will be occasional guest speakers. If you are interested, please contact **Dean Hiatt** at robdean@ptd.net

A QUOTE FOR YOUR WEEK

Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come true.

(Leon J. Suenes)

Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life
Proverbs 13:12

Policy & Procedure Committee

All strong organizations run smoothly with clear policies and procedures in place. Do you have a heart for ensuring the safety the church's children? Do you believe in the benefits of Direct Dealing? Would you like to help equip MCCLV with the proper tools to protect the church's congregants, staff, and building?

- Meets 4th Sundays -
For more information, please see
Lauren Sheldon
laureneshedon@gmail.com or
Emma Marrero
emma.marrero@kidspeace.org

Earn Money for MCCLV Shopping at AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way to support MCCLV at no cost. To shop at AmazonSmile go to **www.smile.amazon.com** and 0.5% of any product marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" will be donated to MCCLV. Those with an existing Amazon account, can continue to use that same account on AmazonSmile. First time visitors to **www.smile.amazon.com** will need to select a charitable organization to receive donations. MCCLV is listed as "**MCC of the Lehigh Valley**" and will be remembered so that all future purchases made at AmazonSmile will result in a donation to MCCLV. Questions, please see any member of the Board. Again, it's "**MCC of the Lehigh Valley**."

The theme for the MCCLV 30th Anniversary banquet is: **MCCLV: 30 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE**. Photos are sought from the following activities over the past 30 years:

- *MCCLV booth at any Pride event*
- *Pride Kid's Tent*
- *MCCLV booth at FACT Games*
- *Choir Events (elderly homes, Iron Pigs games, other outside events)*
- *Adopt-An-Apartment*
- *Rainbow Players Theatre Co.*
- *Freedom to Marry Rallies*
- *Produce Giveaway*
- *Food Pantry*
- *St. Andrew's/MCCLV Feeding the Homeless*
- *MCCLV Booth at Reading Pride*
- *MCCLV award presentation from Pennsylvania Diversity Network*
- *AND any other community outreach events.*

Contact Dean Hiatt with any questions. E-mail the photos to Dean at dean_hiatt@hotmail.com or loan photos that can be scanned.

Do you desire to serve God as part of the worship service here at MCCLV? The church seeks individuals interested in serving as Ushers, Acolytes, Blessers as well as Tech Squad and Altar Guild. See Music and Worship Director Brian Jones or email **brian.jones@mcclv.org** for

ASSIST YOUR CHURCH with its annual Pride Festival participation

Do you enjoy big festivals and meeting new people?

Do you love telling people about the great things happening at MCCLV?

To learn more about how to be a part of the special day, contact MCCLV's Pride Festival Coordinator Gavin Neese at: neese10@gmail.com

First planning meeting is Sunday, June 1st following the worship service

FORGE A stronger relationship with Christ and one another—join a FORGE group!

A FORGE group **is not** a Bible study, Christian training session, group therapy, nor a doctrinal boot camp.

A FORGE group **is** a small, relational gathering of Christians, primarily focused on **transformation** and not information, where people learn how to interpret their entire lives through the lens of gospel and grow in faith in Christ.

Groups meet every other week for one hour—for worship, prayer, devotionals, testimonies and fellowship. Although groups are spread out geographically (South, East and West) to make them easier to get to, you may attend whichever group you choose, even if it is not the one nearest you.

***Contact group leaders to learn more

FORGE South Leaders:
Loreli Bauer **lorelibauer@aol.com**
Elaine Ely **pastor_elaine@yahoo.com**

FORGE West Leaders:
Scott George **smgmcclv@gmail.com**
Ron Smith **rsmith.mcclv@gmail.com**

FORGE East Leaders:
Barb Baus **babaus@hotmail.com**
Lauren Sheldon **laurenesheldon@gmail.com**

Raise Funds For People Living With HIV/AIDS

The HIV/Positive Living Group at MCCLV will be coordinating the church's participation in the annual FACT Games, an event that raises funds for people living with HIV/ AIDS. The event includes fun games like a pie-eating contest and relay races. The Games will take place in September, stay tuned for more details

Food Pantry

Contributions are always needed for MCCLV's Food Pantry, bring in a donation whenever you are able. Volunteers are also needed for the Pantry.

Contact Judy McNally via e-mail at:
njm0@lehigh.edu

Boldly Going...

Do you like playing with the latest techy gadget or enjoy knowing how new electronic devices work? MCCLV's Tech Squad could be the place to put your tech-hobby to practical use. Learn how to run MCCLV's multi robotic camera system or how to create the best sound for the sanctuary and how to keep the worship services flow going using the screens. If you would like to know more contact Jeff Hayes at: ateam@mcclv.org

Congratulations to Robby Schotter!

MCCLV congratulates Robby Schotter on his graduation from General Theological Seminary with a Master's degree in Biblical Studies. Robby serves as Spiritual Formation Ministry Coordinator at MCCLV and is a long-time member of the faith community.

Help Out MCCLV's Pastor

Do you enjoy reading novels in a variety of genres? Your help is needed! MCCLV Pastor Elizabeth Goudy will have a rough draft of her book prepared following her sabbatical months of August-September, 2014. A group is needed to read through the manuscript in October, 2014. This is a short-term activity but will require a high level of commitment and focus. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, talk with the Pastor following worship or contact rev.goudy@mcclv.org. Also, if you have experience with the publishing industry or using the services of a literary agent, see the Pastor.

Retirees Gatherings

Retirees meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Come and share some "golden" time with similarly blessed retirees!

For more information, contact
Karl Steiner, karl.steiner@mcclv.org or
Elaine Ely, pastor_elaine@yahoo.com

Early Morning Prayer

So what is prayer? Prayer is a relationship, wherein we humbly communicate, worship, and sincerely seek God's face, knowing that God hears us, loves us and will respond, though not always in a manner we may expect or desire. Prayer can encompass confession, praise, adoration, supplication, intercession and more.

Early Morning Prayer at MCCLV, 9am every Sunday *is a wonderful time to focus on our Creator, get caught up with God, and start your worship day with power.*

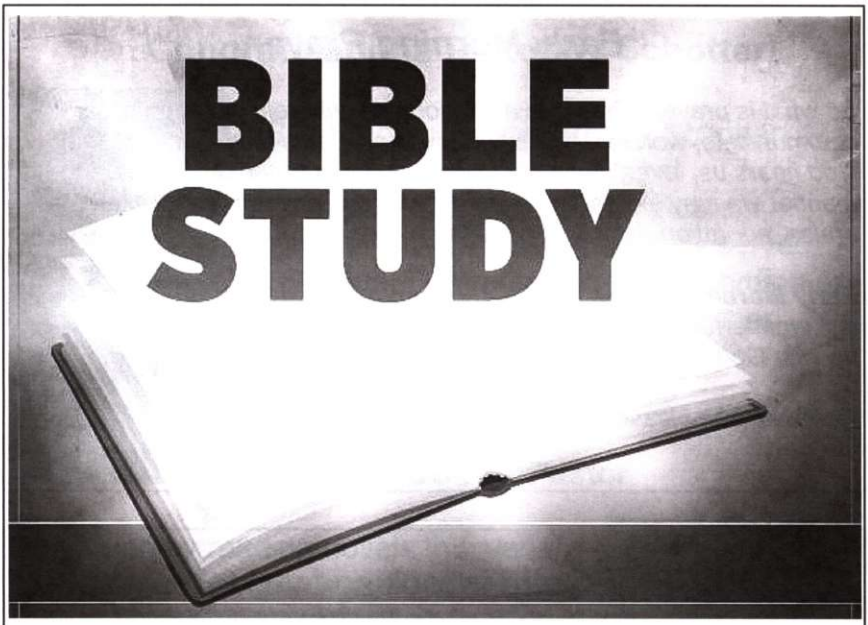
Come and be blessed!

MCCLV's **Altar Guild** is looking for people who have an eye for design, a heart for good flow and a mind that likes to make sure all the pieces of a puzzle come together.

If that is you, email Normana Schaaf at normana.schaaf@verizon.net

Photos Needed

For the upcoming MCCLV 30th Anniversary Banquet, there will be a time to honor members of MCCLV who are no longer with us. Submit photos of beloved MCCLV friends and family members to Dean Hiatt at dean_hiatt@hotmail.com



Wednesday Evenings at MCCLV
- Adult Bible Study -

During the months of June & July, MCCLV hosts an in-depth study of Paul's Letters to the Romans and Corinthians. The studies are led by Rev. Goudy and people from all levels of Biblical background are invited to take part. The Romans study is titled "*Why Do Evangelicals Love Romans So Much They Want to Marry It?*" The 1 Corinthians study is titled "*A Conflicted Church*" and the 2 Corinthians study is titled "*A Conflicted Church, Continued.*" For more information contact the Pastor at rev.goudy@mcclv.org or 610-709-8800.

Schedule:
May 28 @ 7pm: Romans 5-8
June 4 @ 7pm: Romans 9-12
June 11 @ 7pm: Romans 13-16
June 18 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 1-6
June 25 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 7-10
July 2 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 11-16
July 9 @ 7pm: 2 Corinthians 1-7:4
July 16 @ 7pm: 2 Corinthians 7:5-13

MCCLV 30th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

THIS COMING SATURDAY
May 31, 2014
5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

* *TODAY IS YOUR FINAL SUNDAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS* *

Chicago Restaurant and Nightlife
1179 Airport Road, Allentown

Cocktail Hour (cash bar)

Dance party with DJ Daniel Alonzo

TICKETS: $40 per person

NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

See Cheryl Wenhold after service in the Fellowship Hall (until 12:30 p.m.) to purchase your tickets or email her at cwenhold@ptd.net

UPCOMING WORSHIP AT MCCLV

7th Easter: June 1st, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: Joshua 2:1-14
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: **"Supporting Cast: Rahab"**

Pentecost Sunday: June 8th, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21
Preaching: Rev. Delores P. Berry

1st Pentecost: June 15, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: Luke 7:36-50
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: **"Maintaining Dignity In An Undignified World, Part I"**

2nd Pentecost: June 22, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: **"Maintaining Dignity In An Undignified World, Part II"**

3rd Pentecost: June 29, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: Luke 18:9-14
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: **"Maintaining Dignity in an Undignified World, Part III"**

4th Pentecost: July 6, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Readings: Ephesians 2:19-22 & Philippians 3:17-21
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: **"The USA is Not a Christian Nation"**

Today's Scripture Reading:

Judges 4:1-10

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth -ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand." Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' And she said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

MCCLV's Weekly 2014 Budgeted for Giving is $3,916.98

Date	Attendance	Giving
5/18/2014	81	$1,103.50
5/11/2014	98	$1,336.99
5/4/2014	91	$2,909.10
4/27/14	85	$1,936.94

Full financial reporting is provided at the Board meeting on the 2nd Sunday of every month. All are welcome to attend. Additionally, reports may be viewed in the Board binder in the Library.

MCCLV MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Congregational Care & Health:
Karl Steiner | karl.steiner@mcclv.org
20s30s Ministry, Faith Community Nurse, Hospitality, Prayer Team and Reconciliation & Affirmation Ministry

Spiritual Formation:
Robert Schotter | robdean@ptd.net
Small Group Discipleship, Spiritual Growth Programming and Children & Youth Ministry

Outreach & Justice:
See Rev. Goudy for more information
Evangelism, Free Market, Silent Witness, Food Bank, Messengers Art Ministry and Helping Hands Ministry

Media & Marketing:
See Rev. Goudy for more information
Communications and Marketing Ministry

Denominational Representatives:
Lay Delegates Hope Hilby and Normana Schaaf

MCCLV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sue Carpenter, Jim Harbst, Diana LaTorre, Emma Marrero, Lauren Sheldon and Ron Smith
If you would like an item included on the Board agenda see any Board Member

MCCLV DEACONS

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